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Re: FOI Case No. 50310

Dear Mr. Gottinger:

This acknowledges your January 12, 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request addressed to the FOIA Office, National Institutes of Health (NIH), which was received in this office on January 14, 2019. You requested a copy of any and all talking points and similar memorandums, emails, and transcripts providing advice or direction on how to handle the media, media interviews, and statements used by personnel employed by or working for the National Institutes of Health, which relate to the US government shutdown. (Date Range for Record Search: From 12/22/2018 to 1/12/2019).

We are searching the files of the NIH for records responsive to your request. If any documents responsive to your request are located, they will be reviewed for releasability, and all releasable information will be sent to you. We will do everything possible to comply with your request in a timely manner. Please feel free to contact me at NIHFOIA@od.nih.gov for additional information or to inquire about the status of your request.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. We shall charge you for records in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) FOIA Regulations as they apply to news media requesters, i.e., you will be charged for duplication at 10 cents per page although the first 100 pages are free; there is no charge for search or review time. If there are any fees associated with processing this request, you will be sent an invoice with our final response. Because we are uncertain that any applicable fees will exceed or minimum charge (\$25.00), we are not addressing your request for a fee waiver at this time. However, if we determine there will be fees associated with processing your request, we will contact you at that time.

At any time during the processing of your request, you may seek assistance from the NIH FOIA Public Liaison:

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